

Corpus of American Civil War Letters
IN1-02, Edmond Stephens

Source: CACWL Collection, Edmond Stephens Letters.

Edmond Stephens (b. ca. 1840) was from Skelton Township, Warrick County, Indiana and mustered into service as a private in Co. D, 42nd Indiana Infantry on October 10, 1861. He died on May 28, 1862.

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Edmond Stephens to Solomon and Nancy Stephens

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Campt vandy burge [Camp Vanderburgh, Indiana]
Oct the 23th 1861
father and mother
I take the oportu
nity to in
form you that
I am well at
present and that

hope that those few lines
may fine you the same
thou I havent bin verry
well but I have got
a bout well a gain
we have got our uniform
have got a good won and
I nice won we ar go
ing to Eansville to
morrow I think and
if you want to See
me you will have to

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Come for I C[???

When I Can [???

but I wil [???

as qick as I [???

ar fiting eve[???

We dont now [???

<?> will hav [???

but We ar a[???

and willing to and <wold?> dother

die than to yeal to Sothern

Confetacy thow we wip
them evertime yit and
think that we Can do
hit thay boys ar well
and well sadisfied and
want to leave here and
will look for you some
of you to Come down
Sonday and want you
to Send me a quilt and
to Com and fect my

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things <out?> home for
I dont have anny more
youse for them and
Cant take them with
me I send my best
respect to all the <fe??>
that is left be hind <?>
and hope that I will
return and Can have
the privilig to inJoy
my self withe them
whitch I think that
I will our lieutenant
sas that he will treat
us if we will obey him
and sas that he is going
to have the best Company
in rigment and he is
the best drill man in
the rigment you mst
rite ever Chance

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So I must bring
my letter to a Cose
no more at persent
but remaind you
affectnation Son

Edmond Stephens
to Solomon Stephens

Edmond Stephens to his parents

Co Hq

Camp <??> <Hen?> [perhaps for Henderson, Kentucky]

November the 25 186<?>

Der father and mother

O now take my pen

in hand to inform

you that I am well

at present and hope

that those few lines

may fine you inJoying

the same blesen we

have got maching

orders to leave her

to night and will

leave her in A

few owers but I

Cant tell you

[page 2]

wher we will go

to but we ar going

up on green river

some wher I think

when we git thare

I will rite to you

and tell you wher

ar I am well saisfied

to go tell mat

that he must rite

to me as soon he

Cand And will rite

to him all so tell

all the Cildron

hody for me I wood

like to Come out and

see them all but I Cant

now so far you well

Der father and mother

and sisters and

brother Edmond Stephens

to Solomon Stephens

Edmond Stephens to his parents

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December the 3 1861

Camp Shanklon [for Lt. Col. James Maynard Shanklin]

Der father and

mother I take

my pen in hand

to inform you

that I am well at present

and hope that those few

lines may you all well

we ar all under A ginel

Critettdon thare is A bout [General Crittenden]

Seven thousand Solgers her

thou I dont think that

we will Stay her long

we herd that thay seceson

wont fight at boldon

green for thay ar all

<needed?> and I gess hit

is sow I think that pea<ce?>

will be maid before long

and hope to god that hit

will for I wood like

[page 2]

to be at home [cut off]

Coud git See[cut off]

fare thou I am[cut off]

Sadisfied I [cut off]

Sleap verry w[cut off]

tell all the [cut off]

hody for me [cut off]

like to see them verry

well thou I Dont now

when I cand git to Come

home thou I Cand Stay

A way if I Cant do

no better I Send this

ring to Marry ann Cord

delly to remember me

when I am far A way

tell Cosen Nancy ann

hody form me and

I wood like to See
her verry well and
tell her that she must
rite to me I wish
all friends very well and
[page 3]

like to See them verry well
I want you to rite me
as soon as you git this
letter and darrect your
letter to the forty second
in the Car of Capt

Edmonds I will Come [Capt. Francis M. Edmonds of Co. D, 42nd Indiana Inf.]
as Soon as I Cand
and tell the boys that
thay must Come and
See me when thay Cand
tell John Powers to
rite to me for I
wood like to her from
Some of you Ever day
So I must bring my
letter to Close no more
at present but remaind
your affect Son for
ever Edmond Stephens
to father and
Mother So far
you well for A while